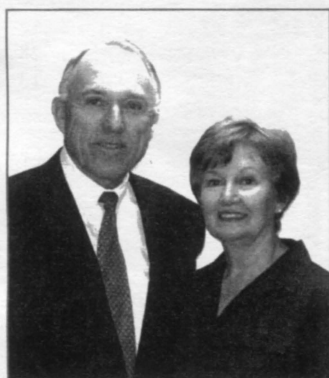


VOICE OF THE VINEYARD



"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)



From the very first time he heard of his father's vision of the tree of life, Nephi wanted to have the same vision and the same understanding. He asked and prayed for it and finally he saw the Spirit of the Lord and was shown the vision of the tree of life. It appears that the

very first thing he saw in this great vision was Mary the Mother of Jesus and shortly thereafter, "I looked and beheld the virgin again, bearing a child in her arms."

(1 Nephi 11:20) What a marvelous vision to see this first Christmas day, the babe in the arms of Mary, "A virgin, most beautiful and fair above all other virgins." The Lord then showed to Nephi the vision his father Lehi had of the rod of iron, the fountain of waters and the tree of life. He then was shown the Savior ministering to the people and John the Baptist preparing the way before Him. He witnessed the Savior's baptism and receipt of the Holy Ghost. (1 Nephi 11:27) He saw the twelve called by the Lord. He observed the sick healed and devils and unclean spirits cast out of the people by the power of the Lamb of God. He then was shown the trial of the Savior and saw him judged of the world and then he said, "I saw that He was lifted up upon the cross and slain for the sins of the world." (1 Nephi 11:33)

This is the time of the year that we celebrate the **birth of the Savior** of the world. We are the only people on the face of the earth that have an understanding of what that really means. Ultimately, as was quickly shown to Nephi, the important and all encompassing point of His life was his death and atonement for the sins of the world and His resurrection three days later. It was the reason He had condescended to come to this earth. It is not just a part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it is the gospel.

President Gordon B. Hinckley said this about this event in history: "When all is said and done, when all of history is examined, when the deepest depths of the human mind have been explored, there is nothing so wonderful, so majestic, so tremendous as this act of grace." Hugh Nibley said that this event was, "the one supreme reality of our life upon this earth." It all began with his birth, which the world celebrates, but most without the full "gospel" in their lives. Our role is to give our Father in Heaven's children an understanding of Jesus Christ, that He died, was buried, and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven. In order for us, as missionaries, to do this we must have the same understanding as Nephi and be able to teach it with clarity and, most importantly, with the power of the Spirit.

Obedience, hard work and faith lead to the ability to teach and testify by the Spirit. Obedience for missionaries is all important. Mission rules, for us, become the way the Lord wants us to live the will of the Lord as it pertains to us. Too often we may find ourselves criticizing mission rules and pushing their limits because we prefer things be done in our way. We must learn the meaning of James 4:4, "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

We cannot have one foot in the world and one in the mission and truly teach, testify and have the spirit witness to our investigators. If we truly want to lead our investigators to the true spirit and meaning of Christmas, may we be strictly obedient and leave this world behind us. We love you for your hard work, obedience and happiness in the work of the Lord. We pray that our Lord's Spirit may be your constant companion and that the true spirit of Christmas may bless you forever.

President and Sister Moeller

"Master Teacher"



Great Work
Elders!



ELDER DAVIS



ELDER PAYNE



ELDER MARKER

UTAH SALT LAKE CITY MISSION 2006



October Baptisms:

	Oct
Granite.....	7
Helaman.....	18
Magna.....	24
Olympus.....	7
Pioneer.....	20
Temple.....	9
Tooele.....	13
West Valley.....	28
Wyoming.....	13

Mission Totals:

October	126
September	172

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

20 Dec	Elder Vathauer	06 Jan	Elder Chiu
22 Dec	Elder Snajdar	08 Jan	Sister Hansen
23 Dec	Elder Bray*	08 Jan	Elder Hatt
23 Dec	Elder Jackson	08 Jan	Elder Wheeler
25 Dec	Elder Jardon	11 Jan	Sister Fleming
01 Jan	Sister Hume	14 Jan	Sister Hernandez
02 Jan	Elder Harrison	16 Jan	Elder Allman
03 Jan	Sister Morin	20 Jan	Elder Esekia

* Senior Missionary

Zone Conference Jeopardy

Winners:

*Congratulations to
Helaman Zone,
Magna Zone and
Pioneer Zone!*



Congratulations!

CERTIFIED TEACHER

ELDER CARTER

ELDER SAUCIER

ELDER PUCHETA

SKILLED TEACHER

ELDER MALOUF

ELDER NELSON

ELDER MARKER

ELDER JOHN

ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT



Dear Elders and Sisters,

Following a most recent District Meeting we had the privilege of eating lunch with Elder and Sister Dallin H. Oaks. After a bit of conversation and a few stories relating to his service as an area authority he related the following story;

"My daughter, who is probably the best missionary out there, was flying on a lengthy flight. She sat near a woman and was moved upon by the Spirit to deliver a copy of the Book of Mormon. In conversation she said something to the regard of: *I have a very important message and would like to leave you with a copy of the Book of Mormon.* The woman was flabbergasted and didn't say a word; she sat as still as if she were Alma being struck dumb. Waiting a short time, Elder Oak's daughter asked what was the matter? To which the woman replied, "You are the third person this week to offer me this book. The first two I refused but maybe the Lord is telling me I need to have this book."

This story shows us the very importance of this work and how intimately Heavenly Father is engaged in this cause. He has micro-managed everything in this world and provides every opportunity He can to bring His children back into the gospel fold. Elders and Sisters, may we always take the opportunity to share with the world the message of the Restoration and further the truths of Jesus Christ through the Book of Mormon.

May the Lord Bless you in this cause,

Elder Wheeler, Elder Mourelatos, and Elder Carter



Message from Elder & Sister Bray,
Housing Coordinators:

BE RESPONSIBLE!

IF YOU OPEN IT, CLOSE IT

IF YOU TURN IT ON, TURN IT OFF

IF YOU UNLOCK IT, LOCK IT

IF YOU BREAK IT, FIX IT

IF YOU CAN'T FIX IT, DUMP IT

IF YOU BORROW IT, RETURN IT

IF YOU MAKE A MESS, CLEAN IT UP

IF YOU'RE DONE WITH IT, PUT IT BACK

IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE IT BELONGS—

ASK!

Thank you for all your efforts in keeping your mission apartments orderly and clean. Those of you who continually remember to "Be Thou Clean" will be blessed with order and peace in your missionary efforts.

We love you all!! Elder and Sister Bray

Welcome New Missionaries!

"Even before they were born, they, with many others, received their first lessons in the world of spirits and were prepared to come forth in the due time of the Lord to labor in his vineyard for the salvation of the souls of men". D&C 138:56

INCOMING DECEMBER 6, 2006

* Spanish



Elder Burton
Indianapolis,
Indiana



*Sister Diaz
Northridge,
California



Elder Fuentes
Blackshear,
Georgia



*Elder Lopez
Baja California,
Mexico



Sister Mwatieta
Tarawa,
Kiribati



Elder Noel
Lethbridge, AB
Canada



Elder Powell
Ridgefield,
Washington



Elder Price
Auckland,
New Zealand



Elder Wilkinson
Victorville,
California



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Departing Missionaries



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The days have been long and the time short. It matters not what may be, for each is one that will always be. Well the day is gone and time stands at still, it matters not why, except that is, The Lord wills.

Remember to keep the commandments of God, for that is your whole duty. Be sober

and quick to observe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the way, the truth and the life of the world. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only

true and living church upon the face of the whole Earth; never forget it, or forsake it, or it will be to your condemnation. That is life. Elder Jacob Lyle



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I gave my heart away. I came on a mission. I went to England. It was beautiful. The work was slow but it had

very enjoyable scenery. I learned to stand up for virtue and then came to Salt Lake City, Utah, as a result. The work was even harder but the opportunity to grow far outweighed the challenges.

I came on a mission as a man who followed his own heart — I leave as a man who follows the Lord. God Lives. Jesus is the Christ! Joseph Smith was a prophet chosen by God to restore the church to the earth. These are just self-evident truths.

Your brother in the Faith, (united and not divided). Love and believe, Elder Eric Andersen.

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My time has come and gone, therefore, I must depart. This experience will forever remain with me and I shall cherish it. When I reflect back to the experiences and memories that I have had, a part of me says that many of us have had similar experiences; such as getting someone to pray for the first time in a really long time, see another accept the commitment to be baptized and take upon them the name of Christ, then to have someone reactivated and return to church, and many more experiences. As you can see, we have all stood on Holy Ground, and each one of these memories shall remain with us for the eternities.

The reason why is because the eternities are what we are fighting for; we are the Army of God. To have someone believe that God lives and that He gave His son Jesus Christ to come and die for you and I. Truly Amazing! Then on the top of all this to have another person believe that Joseph Smith was a Prophet.

"Now we shall say no more concerning their preaching, except that they preached the word, and the truth, according to the spirit of prophecy and revelation; and they preached after the holy order of God by which they were called." (Alma 43:2)

Wait until I'm a RM living in Utah. NOOO!

Elder Robert Stanley Stroud II



Departing Missionaries



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These past two years have been an amazing part of my life. "Thank you" to all of my companions and friends. I pray that you have learned from me as I have learned

from you. Being a missionary does have its hard times. I would like to leave you with a quote that has helped me

through my "Hard Times".

"This [mission] will assuredly be the greatest experience you will have in your life...Don't despair ever...This is God's Work! You are His agents. He will make you equal to the task, as He is doing this very minute. Turn over your cares and concerns to the Lord, embrace this mission. This precious "Brass Ring" will come around only one time in your life. Grab it! Hang on to it! Feel the thrill of the journey, and thank your Father in Heaven for the unspeakable privilege of it all. Everyone in this church prays for you. You cannot fail. You will not fail! I speak for all the Brethern when I say, We Love you and are so very, very proud of you."

-Elder Jeffery R. Holland.

I gained a testimony long before serving a full time mission. But today it is as stalwart as ever. God Lives! He is our Father and we are His children. Jesus Christ is the Savior of the human family, acting under the direction of Him who was His Father and His God. That Father and Son appeared to the boy prophet Joseph Smith Jr. to usher in the last and greatest of all the gospel dispensations. Gordon B. Hinckley is our Prophet, Seer, and Revelator today. The Book of Mormon is the word of God as is the Bible. The Fullness of the Principles and Ordinances of the Gospel are found in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the only true and living church on the face of the Earth. I Love it!!! Of these things I testify, In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ Amen. With all the love I possess, Elder Patrick G. Lee



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Aloha! Well time's up and it's crazy! And if there is any advice to give you, let me just say this: **WORK!**

Don't make excuses. When

you feel sick, get over it. You only have two years to give, it's not long at all when you are trying to find your

brothers and sisters who are lost from the gospel. Mission rules are made for our safety and protection, they are given from God. They are made to be kept, not broken. You want the blessing, do all you can to keep the rules and you will see the blessings come. This mission is my family, you are my brothers and sisters. Truly, Elders and Sisters, please work like you have never worked before to the brotherhood of peace, and may God be with you all. Felangi, fisilau, tokouas, pea onasai'i. Oku ou ilo oku moui ae otua, siosefa samita koe palofita, pea oku tapuekina ehe ongoongo lelei a hotau famili ofa ke tapuekina kimoutlu ehe eiki tau toki sio! a hui hou and malama pono its IT'S TRUE! Emeni. Elder Kaonohi

Happy Birthday, Prophet Joseph Smith

Born 23 December 1805

"Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, Save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it..."

D&C 135:3



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Time is like a missionary's fair share. You think you've got plenty at the start, but it goes faster than you think and suddenly you're out. That's

why we must plan to be sure we are making the most of the time we are given here. I have learned much

during my time here in the best mission. My learning has come through daily study, relying on the Lord, facing opposition, falling down and getting back up, and through the many experiences of opening my mouth, serving others, and loving God's children. I know that God sees the potential of each of His children and He will guide us to see it in them too. Then we can help them to see it. Without missionary work Christ's church would fail and so we must go on until this message has reached everyone. We will no doubt face opposition, but that is simply because we are spreading the truth. Satan is real, but so is our Heavenly Father. We are on the winning team. Give it everything you've got and when you don't feel like you've got anymore to give, pray for strength and then go back to the battle. Our savior showed us how to give our all, "not my will, but thine be done." Joseph Smith was a prophet, the Book of Mormon is God's word. We are here to do the Lord's work. Thrust in your sickle! Love, Sister Cannon



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Elders and Sisters, I never thought that the time would pass so quickly. Serving my Heavenly Father as a missionary was one of the best decisions I ever made. It has been a

great privilege to know many of you fine missionaries

and to have the opportunity to work with great investigators. I always remember the zones such as Helaman, Olympus and West Valley, but what matters most is that the Lord allows us to act in His name. At times we pass through trials in our mission, but if we endure it well, we will be given more strength and will become better missionaries. Enjoy your mission, you only do this once.

Los quiero mucho a los del programa de Espanol hechenle ganas y los de Helaman, Elder Perez que paso con esa vaina, Elder Munoz "viva la pepa", Hermana Quiroz cuide las pajitas. Los que olvide se escriben.

I know that God is our loving Heavenly Father, that Jesus is the Christ and that this is the true church of Jesus Christ. I know that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God and that the Book of Mormon is the word of God, and as our modern Prophet Gordon B. Hinckley has said "Don't be stupid, sanctify yourself." With Love, Elder Pacheco

Visions,

dreams, thoughts, memories and deja vu, swirl together of what I've become and what I once knew. Priceless each drop of time as seconds slip away, plans of the future, regrets of the past, but I must live for today.

With faith, strength and a testimony forged on an anvil of pain the purifying fire cannot be quenched no matter the bitter cold rain. For I have walked with the giants, soared with the eagles so high, listened as pure testimony was born by those not afraid to die. All things given for experience and bringing one step closer 'till that day gathered together we will see our Master say finally to the earth "Peace be still". But let the war rage on and pray always to stay true to the right, however long it will last; pain will occur, but will not win the fight. This gift of many and most precious has been given another witness of His grace, I long for the day when all gratitude can be expressed eye to eye face to face.

Love, Elder Sean Ryan Meade

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